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WATKINS, C. et al.

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Title: METHODS FOR INCREASING CYTIDINE LEVELS IN VIVO AND TREATING
CYTIDINE-DEPENDENT HUMAN DISEASES

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the communication mailed April 10, 2002 having a three month shortened statutory period of response set to expire July 10, 2002. The following remarks and amendments are respectfully submitted. Also submitted herewith is a Petition to extend the period for a response one (1) month up to and including August 10, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 6, please replace the second full paragraph with the following new paragraph:

This invention is based upon the unexpected discovery that uridine administration in humans leads to increases in systemic and brain cytidine. While certain methods of treatment of certain neurological diseases using uridine are known, the prior art has heretofore failed to provide the methods of treatment of diseases which are objects of this invention. These and other objects of the invention will become more readily apparent from the following description.

Page 12, please replace the first full paragraph with the following new paragraph: